

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 through 7 are pending, with Claims 1, 6, and 7 being independent. Claims 15 through 19 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 7, 15 through 19, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over US 2002/0083431 A1 (Machida). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 6, and 7 recite, *inter alia*, determining whether or not the searched-for printing device has a network address within the designated range information, and distributing the program for managing the determined printing device.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that Machida fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed feature as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 6, and 7.

Applicant further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such a feature.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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